and promotion of low cost building materials and technologies and to set up an apex level organisation for carrying out the various activities;

(ii) review of standards, schedules of specifications, tender documents of various Departments to include low cost innovative technologies;

(iii) promoting the use of cost and energy efficient building materials based on agricultural and industrial wastes;

(iv) promoting training and skill upgradation activities in construction lelated trades.

(c) Through a network of 'building centres', HUDCO is providing training in low cost construction skills and for producing building materials in different States. The State-wise break up of the number artisans/people trained are given in the enclosed Statement. *[See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No- 89]

In the State of Rajasthan, 9 building centres have been identified- Some of these centres have already started imparting training to artisans and technical staff and entrepreneurs. HUDCO has sanctioned working capital loan of Rs. 10 lakhs for each building eentre.

Laying of New Railway Lines in Rajasthan

1895. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to lay new railway lines in Rajasthan during the Eighth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the length of the tracks proposed to be constructed; and

(c) the lines proposed to be converted from metre gauge to broad gauge lines during the Eighth Five Year Plan Period in Rajasthan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Following are the on-going new line projects in Rajasthan during the Eighth Plan Period:—

(i) Kota-Chittaurgarh-Neemuch BGline

Length —222 Km (206 Km in Rajasthan)

Anticipated Cost—Rs. 160 crores

Kotah-Chittaurgarh—166 Km—• Opened to traffic

Chittaurgarh-Neemuch—56 Km—

Expected to be opened in 1990-91. (ii) Mathura-Alwar BG line

Length — 120 Km (90 Km in Rajasthan)

Estimated Cost—Rs. 69 crores

Completion of this line would depend on availability of resources in coming years.

(c) Following Gauge Conversions/Parallel BG lines have been approved in the Railway Budget of 1990-91 :—

(i) Conversion of Sawai Madho-pur-Jaipur MG to BG and parallel BG line from Jaipur to Phulera.

(ii) Conversion from Bhildito Sam-dari MG to BG and Parallel BG line from Samdari to Jodhpur.

(iii) Gauge Conversion of Phulera-Jodhpur and Bikaner (Lalgarh)-Merta Road.

Completion of these conversions would depend on availability of resources in coming years.

Adjustment of original Allottees of village Arakpura Bagh Mochi, New Delhi

1896. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to

Unstarred Question 2150 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th May, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Slum and JJ Wing of the Delhi Development Authority has demurred the statement that the original allottees of Village Arakpur Bagh Mochi to the effect and their de-cendents would be adjusted in the vicinity of the village;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any Member of Parliament has taken up the matter with the DDA, if so, the action taken in the matter;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to set the matter and afford the much needed relief to the affected villagers;

(e) whether any letters were also written to the Vice-Chairman. DDA on 4th September, 1989 and 13th May, 1988 and whether any reply has been sent therefor; if so, when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURA-SOLI MARAN): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Detailed Advertisments by D.D.A. for Auction of Plots

1897. SHRI P. K. KUNJA-CHEN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the D.D.A. while issuing advertisements in the Press for auctioning of plots etc. does not indicate therein conditions for payments; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the action Government proposes to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Delhi Development Authority has reported that the mode of payment is generally indicated in brief in the advertisement for auctions. Their details are mentioned in the terms and conditions of auction a set of which is available on payment and this fact is also mentioned in the advertisment for auction.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Communication of decision taken by DDA to the Applicants

1898. SHRI P.K. KUNJA-CHEN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the D.D.A. inordinately delays the comunication of decision taken at higher levels; and

(b) whether Government or D.D.A. have fixed any time limit for the communication of such decisions to the concerned parties so as to ensure prompt disposal of cases and if not, what are the reasons therefor and the action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURA-SOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Delh Development Authority has reported that though no specific time limit has been fixed, as per practice/ procedures in vogue, decisions taken are conveyed to the concerned parties with all possible prooptitude and expedition.